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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant submits the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed. A copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application is also enclosed.

This statement is being filed after a first Office action on the merits, but before receipt of a final Office action or a Notice of Allowance. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the communication being dated March 20, 2002, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks and references set forth herein.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Form PTO-1449
- Postcard
- Copy of cited reference
- Copy of Communication from European Patent Office

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REMARKS

The reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 is being called to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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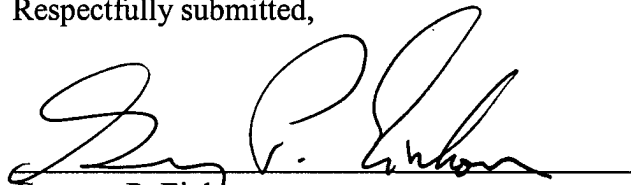
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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858 678 5070.

Respectfully submitted,

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